The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I had a conversation."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"What was the thing which the hon. the Law Member gathered from that conversation ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I am not prepared to divulge that."

Detention of Mr. Santa Singh in the Madras Penitentiary.

*1028-B Q.—Mr. C. N MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Santa Singh of the Punjab is a State Prisoner in the Madras jail ;

(*b*) whether Mr. Santa Singh was arrested on 5th November 1927 and whether he has been in jail since that date ;

(*c*) whether any enquiry has been held relating to Mr. Santa Singh and whether any charges have been framed against him ;

(*d*) the circumstances under which the Government have caused the detention in jail of Mr. Santa Singh without any judicial trial and without any judicial finding against him ; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to enquire into the case of Mr. Santa Singh ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1028-A (starred).

Detention of Mr. Santa Singh in the Madras Penitentiary.

*1028-C Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when and for what offence Mr. Santa Singh of Contepent, Amritsar, was arrested and confined in the penitentiary ;

(*b*) how long he has been in jail ;

(*c*) what was the state of his health on 5th November 1927 when, as alleged, his car was stopped on the way to Tindivanam by the Criminal Investigation department ;

(*d*) what are the reasons for keeping him in jail without any trial ;

(*e*) whether he has been made aware of the charges against him ;

(*f*) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to acquaint him of the charges against him, and give him an opportunity to defend himself in a Court of Law ;

(*g*) whether any, and if so, how many persons there are in the Madras jails similarly imprisoned ; and

(*h*) when the Government propose to release him ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*f*) & (*h*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1028-A starred.

(*g*) There are no other State prisoners detained in Madras jails under the orders of the Government of India.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"May I know, Sir, seeing that the answer to clauses (*a*) to (*g*) and (*h*) is that the Madras Government are only the agents of the Government of India in arresting him, whether they are not the